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## **I. Acknowledgments**

Just over a year ago we asked local, state and national agencies, non-governmental organizations, sportsmen, conservationists, academics, land managers and other wildlife experts to join together in the development of an all-state, all-species wildlife conservation strategy. The response to this ambitious challenge was an extraordinary and unprecedented outpouring of collaborative effort resulting in Vermont's Wildlife Action Plan (formally the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy). We thank the many participating Conservation Partners (Table 1-1) for responding to the call despite already busy schedules. Moreover, our appreciation goes out to the individuals serving on the eight technical teams (Table 3-1) charged with the nitty-gritty details of conducting species and habitat assessments, integrating the varied and complex needs of many wildlife species and crafting a report for all Vermonters interested in wildlife conservation.

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Finally, to all those furry, finned, feathered, scaled, slimy and shelled creatures—the charismatic megafauna and the enigmatic microfauna—that so fascinate and enrich our lives and economies, we look forward to a bright and healthy future together in the Green Mountain State.

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